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## Ten Students Show To Hear Nader Raider

By Bob Varody

Donald K. Ross, one of "Naders Raiders" from Washington, D.C., spoke to a group of ten students and one faculty member in the auditorium at G.C.C. on Tuesday Feb. 15. His mission was to gain support from students at GCC to join a group called Western Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (WMPRIG).

The group, Ross said, would combine local citizens' action, the resources of the campus, and a professional staff to investigate local consumer affairs.

Ross said programs could be designed at the school to offer the students credits for field experience. He cited political science as an example where students could study the local government structure of Greenfield and how it relates to the needs and wishes of the community.

Ross said the students could set up a consumer center in Greenfield, that could investigate prices and quality of merchandise. He said this was done in Washington, D.C. whereby, for example, the same prescription was taken to a number of drugstores in the area, prices varied as much as 400 per cent.

As the auto is used by almost everyone, he said, an auto complaint center could be set up to investigate complaints by consumers regarding all phases of the auto from the purchase to repair of autos.

Ross also advocated a certain amount of sensationalism in pointing out discrepancies in pricing. He used as an example the method of holding a box of frosty flakes in one hand and a New York cut of steak in the other. He said this is a sure way to get on TV — you point out that the Frosty Flakes cost more per pound than steak but have less food value.

This reporter, however, checked at a local supermarket and found that the cereal costs about \$.93 per pound while the steak costs about \$1.59 per pound.

Ross spoke of pollution and said most people think of rivers when they think of water pollution. He said the fact of the matter is that the worst form of pollution is from non-viral industrial wastes that seep into your water system from underground, and leave deposits such as cadmium.

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**The Counseling Center located across from Room 200 in the west building has information pertaining to birth control, venereal disease and abortions. Stop in. No appointment necessary.**

## Students To Elect March 9

Student Government special elections are set for Thursday, March 9. Voting stations will be open in the Main Building and Campus Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vacancies for Student Government representatives are in the following programs: Liberal Arts, Secretarial Science, Engineering, Computer and Environmental Science. The vacancies have occurred due to representatives graduating at mid-year or because they have had more than two unexcused absences from Student Government meetings last semester.

Along with special elections, the entire student body will have a chance to elect a student commissioner for next year. By law, each community college must elect their student commissioner for the coming year by the end of March. Ken Creighton's present commissioner's term will expire at the conclusion of the spring semester. By having the new commissioner elected in March, it is hoped that he will be able to learn the duties of the office by the time his term begins in the fall.

## Health Services Still Making Progress

By NATALIE JOY

The second meeting this year of the Health Services Advisory Committee was held February 17. This committee is planning to initiate a health service at GCC by next September.

The main part of the discussion was the functioning of such a service and what will serve the students' needs best.

Dean Kier, Jeff Doscher, Mike O'Brien, and Ken Poulett had made a recent trip out to Broome Community College in Binghamton, New York to see how their health service is operated.

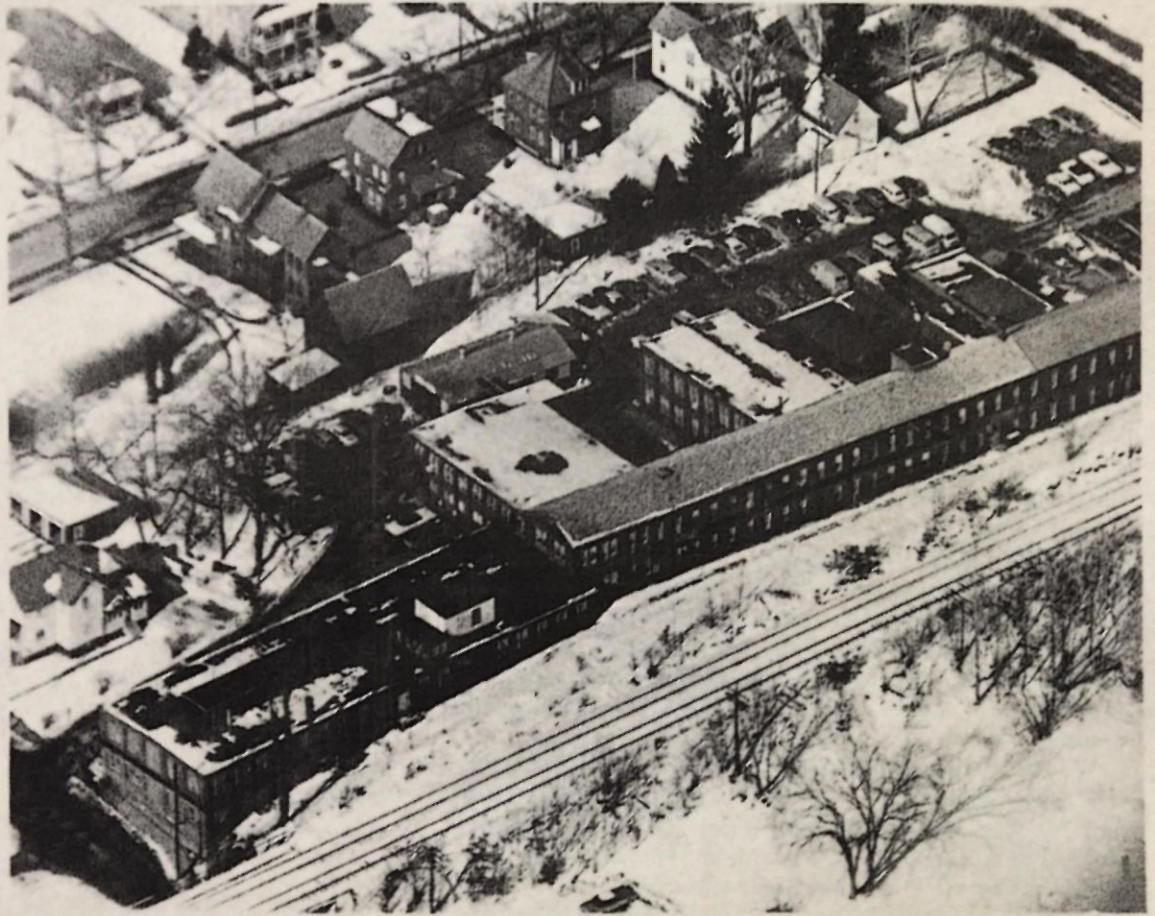
The health service at Broome has been in operation for eight years. They have one full-time nurse and one part-time nurse. All the clerical work is done by work-study students. The housing consists of one small office, an examining room, and a room with cots. Twenty doctors alternate seeing the students in need of attention.

The nurse has the students' symptoms and health records ready for the doctor. If a doctor is not liked by the students he does not come back.

Broome has a health insurance plan with a basic cost of 10 dollars. The insurance is low, because the doctors are funded through the county.

The committee emphasized that the nurse makes such a program effective.

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This aerial view of the West Building shows the limited space for parking. —Forumfoto.

## Coffeehouse Now Open

The Down to Earth, a new coffeehouse, is now open. Located below the Cue 2 Recreational Center, at 54 Federal St., is open Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:45.

The Down To Earth features live entertainment and old-time movies and a double menu: one consisting of 100% natural-organically grown foods; the other featuring international and domestic coffees and teas, fancy dishes, snacks, and fountain.

The interior decor is enhanced by several murals painted upon the walls by members of the Brotherhood of the Spirit community.

Entertainment for the first week was provided by "Caesar", a four man acoustical group, along with Buster Keaton in "The Balloonatics".

On tap in the near future are "Spirit in Flesh" in an acoustical concert, the original Tarzan film, a mime performance, a magic show, poetry readings, and a dance troupe.

The coffee house was opened to fill a need experienced by many people of college age for a place providing good entertainment on weekends, along with an atmosphere conducive to interaction between people.

The proprietors of the Down to Earth hope to see the coffeehouse used as a forum for any talented people in the area who wish to give of that talent to others. Anybody interested in performing in any way should contact Bruce Gelsler at the Down to Earth, 772-0574.

## President Creates Two New Administrative Groups

Two new administrative groups which may have far reaching consequences for the College have been created by President Lewis O. Turner: a

College Council and a Task Force for the Development of Administrative Systems.

The College Council will include the President; three deans; four division chairmen; director of community services; public information officer; two members of the Faculty (not members of the Faculty Affairs Committee or the Faculty Committee) to be elected by the faculty; and one first year student and one second year student (not members of Student Government) elected by the student body.

The function of this council is to bring varied points of view for the sharing and discussion of issues and problems on campus. It will serve as a sounding board for the President as well as a forum for ideas presented by others.

The current plan is to hold monthly meetings with a planned agenda. The Task Force for the Development of Administrative Systems is headed by Dean of Administration Robert W. Gailey and will study the various administrative systems and sub-systems now operating in the College. The objective of the task force will be to eliminate wasted motion and effort so that the College can carry out its objectives with maximum efficiency and clarity.

Members of the task force in addition to Dean Gailey are: Henry Boucher, business manager, Frank Mirabello, director of the computer center; Donald Brown, director of admissions; Mark Stuart, registrar; and Robert Welsh, assistant to the dean of faculty.

## Election Change Studied By Student Gov't

The February 22nd meeting of Student Government was highlighted by the introduction of a proposed amendment to the constitution which would provide for the election of a Student Government President prior to April 1. This amendment will be voted on at the February 29th meeting.

The President of Student Government, Rod Raubeson, introduced the amendment, the discussion of which was brief and appeared to be in favor of the change. A survey was conducted by two of the Student Government representatives, Sharon Finn and Holly Galenski. The survey polled 178 students and the result was 128 for the change and 45 against. Five students failed to respond to the questionnaire.

A number of reasons for accepting the proposed amendment were voiced. Those most often heard were:

1. The incoming freshman class does not have time to become familiar with the candidates or the issues. Presently our elections must be held within 30 days of the

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## WMPIRG Explained

There has been much controversy recently over the formation of the Public Interest Research Groups (PIRG) on college campuses throughout the country. The purpose of the groups, which are student run and student funded, is to fight against environmental and consumer abuses. The groups are based on the Ralph Nader principle of fighting big business through public exposure of the abuses which affect us all either directly or indirectly.

WMPIRG representatives are currently conducting a petition drive which hopefully will enlist the support of a majority of the students at Greenfield Community College. Student support must be received in order for the group to become a reality at GCC.

Most criticism of the group is aimed at its funding procedures, which will require each student to pay a \$2.00 refundable tax at registration time each semester. Due to the fact that the money will be returned to the student on request, I feel that arguments citing the compulsory aspects of the tax are insignificant compared to the benefits to be received from the formation of the group.

What benefits will be realized? There will be extensive investigation into the areas of air and water pollution by local industries with legal follow-up if necessary. At one time or another we have felt that we've been ripped-off by business (big or small). The services of this group will be available to us, through legal aid, in carrying through on our complaints.

The possibilities for meaningful public service are endless, as evidenced by the success of other Nader type groups; but without student support both moral and financial, the potential will never be realized.

MIKE AGUDA

## Mrs. Gloria Ku From Taiwan Is Librarian

By SHARMAN PROUTY

"People have more freedom here, and more free challenges. However, some people don't appreciate all of their freedom, and this causes trouble." This remark was made by Mrs. Gloria Ku at an interview recently. Mrs. Ku, who is from Taiwan, is the cataloger in the library.

As an only child, she came to the United States in 1966. Her mother still lives in Taiwan, but is currently visiting at her daughter's home in Amherst.

Mrs. Ku received a B.A. degree in English Literature from the National Cheng-Kung University in Taiwan. This started her interest in library work, and she came to this country. She received a Master of Science in Library Science (M.S.L.S.) from Atlanta University of Atlanta, Georgia.

The cataloger processes all of the books in the library. She makes book cards and pockets for the book. On the outside cover she writes the call number, the author, and title. If there is difficulty in classifying a book, she can get cards from the Library of Congress to help her. These cards will then go into the card catalog in the school library. A cataloger must be highly trained for this job, since proper classification of all books is very important in every library.

Although her primary job at the College is cataloger, she also taught last semester. Lib

101, or Information Sources and Materials, is an introductory course in the use of the library. Students learned the many duties of a librarian, explored reference books and their use, and completed five sets of research problems using the reference books. They also studied the steps in the acquisition of new books, cataloging, and wrote a term paper on any aspect of library science that interested them.

There were 16 students in the class. Sometimes she felt that there might be a language barrier, since she says, "My English isn't so good." However, there was no problem of communication between her and her students, since she speaks English fluently. "Very interesting", was her reply when asked how she liked teaching.

Life here is basically the same as life in Taiwan. However, there is a difference in the life styles of the college students. The girls not only have boy friends, they also have a group of very close girl friends. This also occurs with the boys. Co-education is not taken quite as seriously over there, and she feels that American students are somewhat detached from associating with members of their own sex.

To get into a college in Taiwan, high school students must take an exam. "They worry a lot about this," says

To The Editor:

I witnessed several (at least 4) student's automobiles being towed away under the direction of the physical plant employees. Now it will cost ten to fifteen dollars for the owners of these cars to retrieve them from Sirum Brothers garage. This means for these students, that a relative or close friend will do without a Christmas gift.

In the first place, the city of Greenfield charges only one dollar for a parking violation. For a college administration to accuse, try, judge, and dole punishment ten times that great for a mere parking violation without the accused being able to defend himself or herself is tantamount to totalitarianism. After all, there might have been extenuating circumstances or the alleged violators might have been first offenders. If an institution cannot enforce its regulations or administer its affairs any more effectively than to resort to ethical physical removal of personal property as punishment for minor offenses, then it has in fact been party to extortion.

As the enrollment of the school increases, student parking areas decrease to make room for faculty members. Snow removed from the faculty parking area is dumped in the student parking area to further aggravate students to the point where the schools enrollment might diminish to a student fee parking space ration and the problem will no longer exist. Perhaps some other students have opinions on this matter.

L. SEEDS

a 35 mile commuter

## —Feed Back—

## Term Paper Racket Exposed

By BOB VARADY

If you're thinking of doing a term paper the easy way (by purchasing it), perhaps you had better think again. Big doings are under way. According to the Christian Science Monitor, university and law enforcement officials are taking steps to curb the booming trade in stolen term papers flourishing on many U.S. campuses.

According to the Monitor, in New York and Massachusetts steps are under way to put a stop to a growing write-for-pay term paper business. The Monitor said the New York State Attorney General's office has filed suit in state Superior Court against Kathleen Saksniit, charging her with aiding and abetting students in fraud.

The suit asks Miss Saksniit to show cause by Feb. 24 why her companies — New York City Term Papers Inc., and Term Papers Unlimited — should not be barred from transacting business.

The Monitor said that Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz has charged that Miss Saksniit's firms have been selling hundreds of term papers to students.

The Monitor went on to say that, according to assistant Attorney General Stephen Mindell, at least 965 students from more than 100 colleges paid a total of \$35,416 over the past three months for papers prepared by Miss Saksniit's companies. In Massachusetts, Harvard has moved to support the New York Attorney General in what could be a related case.

The Monitor said that on Wednesday reporters for the *Crimson*, Harvard's student newspaper, posing as prospective thesis buyers, discovered a stolen Harvard term paper at a local term paper concern, *Termpapers Anonymous*. According to a copyrighted story in the *Crimson*, the stolen paper was said by the firm's owner, Barry Levine, to have been part of a batch of papers received in a swap with another New York term paper firm, *Minuteman Research*.

Alan Kwindler, owner of the *Minuteman*, subsequently claimed he had discovered at least 20 of some 40 term papers recently stolen from Harvard. He offered to return them to their owners.

The Monitor said that Harvard is getting a sworn affidavit from Arthur H. Lubow, the student whose paper the *Crimson* initially uncovered, paving the way for possible cooperation between Harvard and the New York Attorney General's office.

The Monitor quoted Harvard's general counsel, Daniel Steiner, as saying "These companies are going to go one way or another, whether by legislative or court action. There's a viable legal theory," he continued, "which could cover unlawful interference in a contractual relationship... A good case can be made that such a relationship—implied or explicit exists between the college or university and the student, and that these companies carry on their business to the detriment of public policy."

Until now, the Monitor said, the only response the universities have been able to muster is to expel or suspend those students who are caught and to voice moral outrage and fighting words of the "we'll have to do something about those companies" variety.

The main problem has been that classroom plagiarism, although an academic offense, is not considered an offense in

the civil or criminal sense. It cannot therefore be punishable by law.

Furthermore, it is the student who buys the paper to use verbatim in the class who plagiarizes, not the term paper company. It is a fact underscored by the companies themselves, none which will officially condone plagiarism. Often every page of the manuscript will have the name of the company stamped on it. If the student is to hand the piece in as it is, he must at least retype it. That makes the dirty deed his alone.

The Monitor quoted Steve Trachtenberg, special assistant to the president of Boston University as saying, "In the long run the student community will recognize these companies as enemies of the people." As Mr. Trachtenberg sees it these term paper companies are basically "racists and anti egalitarian."

"Members of minority groups have traditionally gotten their breakthrough by proving themselves more capable than their white competition," Trachtenberg said. "Now in this society a person's ability is measured by the merit system. And college grades and degrees are a part of that system. But when a rich kid who has it made anyway has to buy his grades, it undermines this merit system, making it even harder for the poor black or other minority who has already started out at a disadvantage. I think students wise up pretty fast when they're being hustled," he added.

"This is a research library," counters Ken Warren of Ward Warren (his brother) Manuscripts Inc. "Universities and people in the education industry are going to be awakened to the redeeming value of our product."

Warren, who bills his firm the largest and likes to think big, says, "We have more information on any given topic than anybody in the United States. Professors will be able to use us for lecture material or just plain research."

But what of students who are using this material to turn in as their own?

"What do you mean?" says Warren. People say these kids are plagiarizing, but nobody comes up with the proof. Until then I'm not going to believe it."

A check at GCC revealed that no students have been brought up on charges of turning in work that was not their own. Although one school official who declined to be named said he knew of cases where students have been given a failing mark because the instructor felt the student did not turn in his own work. Or on the other hand many have been made to do the work over again.

At GCC the penalty for plagiarism is suspension or expulsion. The full explanation of these rules can be found on Page 16 of the students' handbook.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Do it now! This is probably one of the best philosophies to follow especially in terms of pursuing an education. American International College is a firm believer in this policy especially in terms of providing opportunities for students who wish to transfer from junior colleges and community colleges.

AIC is a medium-size, non-sectarian college, offering courses leading to degrees in the Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, and Education.



## Election--

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beginning of the fall semester. This may well be one of the major reasons for our poor turnout at the pools.

2. The president-elect would have the opportunity to attend meetings and gain valuable experience and insight to the problems of Student Government and its operations.

3. The President-elect would be the logical choice for leadership of the summer interim government. He and the student commissioner could also arrange and conduct fall elections.

The people who were against the change stated their reasons as:

1. By electing the President of Student Government in the spring we deny the incoming freshman class their right to vote.

2. People would be voting for a President who will not be here during his term in office.

Brian Gilmore and Rod Raubeson both felt the reasons for adoption of the bill outweighed the arguments against.

## Student Warned Health Needs-- Against Buying

By NATALIE JOY

Consumer's Union reports that insurance companies selling life insurance to college students are ripping them off:

The premiums are too high for students. Many a time the student is given a year loan to pay at 8.5% for five years.

The report emphasized that the salesmen use high pressure methods and are usually recently well-known graduates of the college they solicit. Using their high pressure methods they dissuade the student from consulting any knowledgeable source and often do not make the student aware of any contracts he signs.

These contracts are often for one year's worth of life insurance and if a loan is taken for the first year's premium, then a binding five-year contract is signed.

Consumer's Union does not recommend life insurance for students unless they are married and have children. On the other side, my mother told me the other day that she took out a \$1,000 policy on us (my sisters and me) when we were three years old. She explained it would pay for a funeral if we died.

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The most critical part of establishing a health service is that it meets the students' needs.

The committee in search of establishing a criteria for meeting the students' needs at GCC received from the state of Washington an outline of their health services program.

Total involvement of the community college is needed to make the program effective. The health nurse should spend a good deal of time in preventive health counseling and assessment of health matters at the college.

Continuing in the discussion pertaining to immediate matters at GCC Dean Kier stated that the funding of a health service would be no problem if the budget was between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Facility is a problem, but there was mention of the possibility of leasing a house for more office space. Another point in the functioning of a health service is making the students aware of the need for health insurance. GCC has a fairly complete health insurance plan for \$30.

The next steps the committee is going to take is finding a facility, funding, and medical back-up. The next meeting is March 9 at 7:30 in the President's Conference Room.



Concert pianist Robert Silverman plays for music classes before his concert last Friday. Silverman played to a small but enthusiastic group. —Forumfoto

## Silverman Entrances Audience With Varied Musical Program

By MIKE AGUDA

Robert Silverman, noted concert pianist, performed last Friday evening at Greenfield Community College before an enthusiastic and appreciative audience of students, faculty, and townspeople.

Silverman's talents were exposed not only to the audience on Friday night, but he also talked to and performed for Grace Mayberry's music classes during the day.

Silverman demonstrated some of the technical aspects of his performance commenting on the history and background of the pieces which he performed. The final product, which the listener enjoys in concert, goes through many interesting developmental stages of which, for the most part, we are unaware.

Silverman, through his informal approach, changed our image of the concert pianist from a cold, aloof performer to a friendly, down-to-earth human being.

Wayne A. Smith of The Greenfield Recorder staff wrote the following review:

"There's no question about it. Greenfield Community College brought an extraordinarily good pianist for students, faculty and friends to hear, Friday evening. It was somewhat less successful in finding a suitable piano.

"Robert Silverman, who came with considerable recommendation and praise, lived up to every inch of it. He is, indeed, an amazing technician, an artist with phenomenal insight, friendly, affable, and just the sort to play for an audience of wide range of interest and musical experience.

"SILVERMAN SET a relaxed pace by introducing each number with intelligent, helpful information. And then to clinch his well rounded ability he improvised a pleasant little melody from four random notes which he invited four members of the audience to strike on the keyboard.

"The piano, however, was several degrees below Silverman's requirements, especially when the works ranged beyond the middle octaves. High and low notes were thin out of tune, and menacing. This and other tonal deficiencies sometimes gave the effect of pounding the keys. But the hall, at least, was adequate. Acoustics of the

college's downtown auditorium surpass those of most others in town.

"Silverman launched his program on a quiet note with Orlando Gibbons' 'Pavane for the Lord of Salisbury' from the Elizabethan era, an enchanting, gracious work thoroughly in contrast to the rousing, exciting Variations Pour Piano by the Canadian, Jacques Hetu. In the realm of new music it would seem that Hetu is, indeed, a promising artisan. His Variations, four of them woven into five short pieces, are rich in context, varied, yet musically arresting. They are also technically difficult, especially in the opening and closing themes.

"Silverman closed the first half of the program with three of the original five movements from the Robert Schumann Sonata No. 3 in F minor known also as the Concerto Without Orchestra. This and the Beethoven Sonata No. 31 in A-flat major left no doubts about the artist's sensitivity and insight, his technique, or his ability to shift style. There also was clarity, resonance and expert use of the pedal to achieve harmony and balance.

"DEBUSSY was represented by equally first-rate interpretation of his 'La Terrance' and 'Reflections on the Water' and the program was concluded with a rousing, but effortless rendition of Chopin's Scherzo No. 2 in B-flat minor. The audience, warm and enthusiastic, was rewarded with two encores: A Chopin Etude and a Schumann Prelude.

"It might be said that Mr. Silverman's personal attire was considerably more flamboyant than his musicianship or keyboard style. He appeared in a loose-fitting deep red and black velvety jacket and matching trousers. But there were no sequins and while he presented an air of informality there was no nonsense about his playing. He is an artist right down to his fingertips."

### METRIC SWITCH SET

CANBERRA — Effective next July 1, units of measurement in Australian customs and excise tariffs will be converted to their metric equivalents. This will be the first move to Australia's conversion to the metric system.

## Student Activities Special Events

### Wednesday, March 1

Film — Blow Hot, Blow Cold — Campus Center, 7 p.m., 55¢

### Friday, March 3

The Madrigal Singers — A program of music and poetry titled Elizabethans in Love. Presented by the UMass Department of Music. In the main building auditorium at 8 p.m. Free

### Saturday, March 4

Smorgasbord and dance at the Hatfield Barn. Tickets \$1. Smorgasbord at 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dancing 8:00 to midnight. Tickets must be purchased no later than Friday, March 3 in the Student Activities office.

### Sunday, March 5

Ski day at Berkshire East. Ski all day for \$6 by presenting your GCC ID card. Students who need a ride to Berkshire East should sign up in the Student Activities office.

### Sunday, March 5

Film — Blow Hot, Blow Cold — Campus Center at 7 p.m., 55¢

### Monday, March 6

Blood Drive at the Campus Center — 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For all students, faculty and staff. Please register at the Student Activities office beforehand. Typists and canteen workers are needed to help in the drive. For more information, contact the Student Activities office.

### Wednesday, March 8

Film — Joe — Campus Center at 7 p.m., 55¢

### Thursday, March 9

Student Government Special Elections — 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center and Main Building. For Liberal Arts, Secretarial Science, Engineering, Environmental Science and Computer Tech.

### Saturday, March 11

Lyric Players program "No Exit" in the Main Building auditorium at 8 p.m. Free with GCC ID card.

### Sunday, March 12

Film — Joe — 7 p.m., Campus Center, 55¢

### Wednesday, March 15

Film — Giant — Campus Center at 7 p.m., 55¢

### Friday, March 17

Student Art Show in the Main Building auditorium from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

### Saturday, March 18

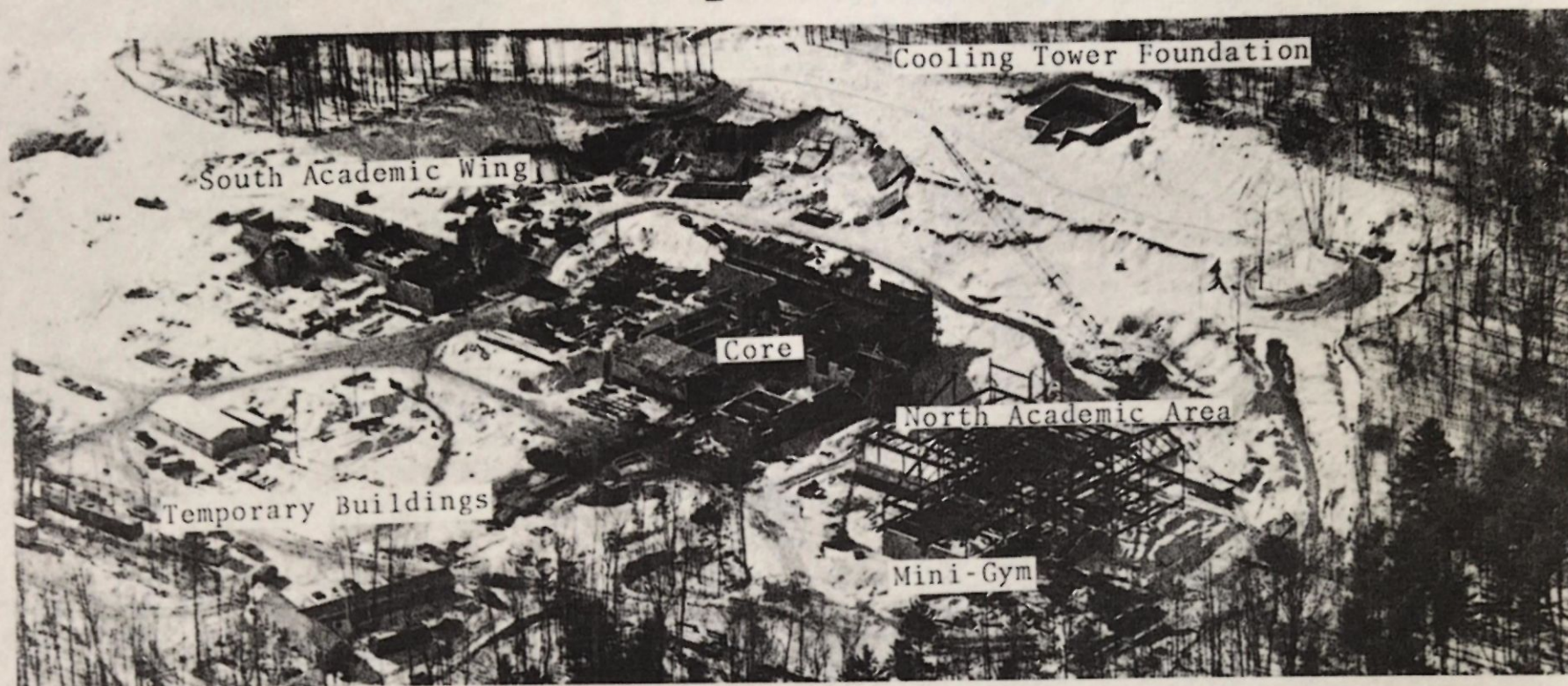
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### Sunday, March 19

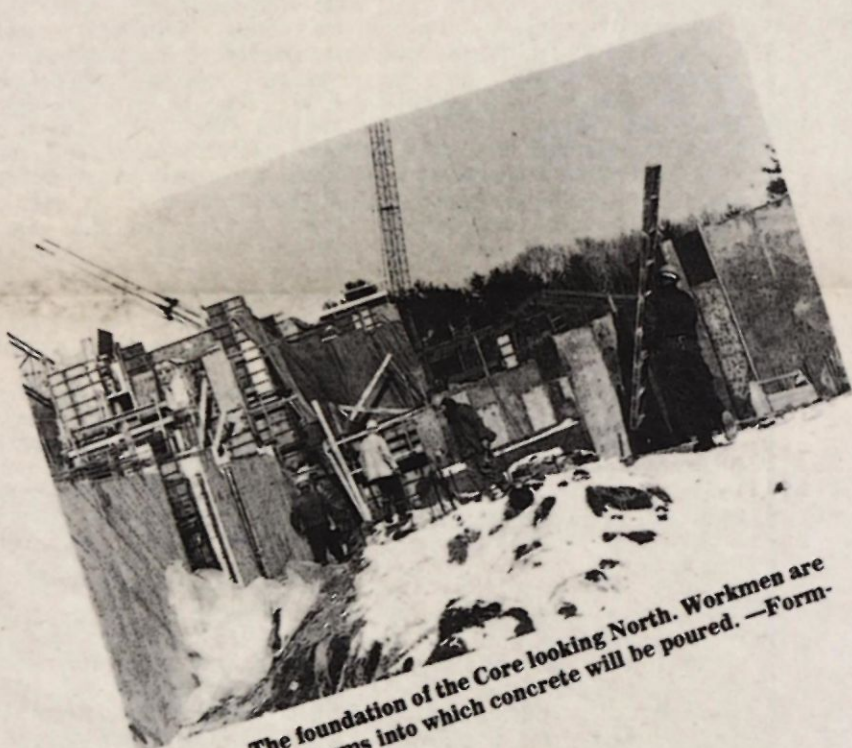
Film — Giant — 7 p.m., Campus Center, 55¢



# New Campus Underway



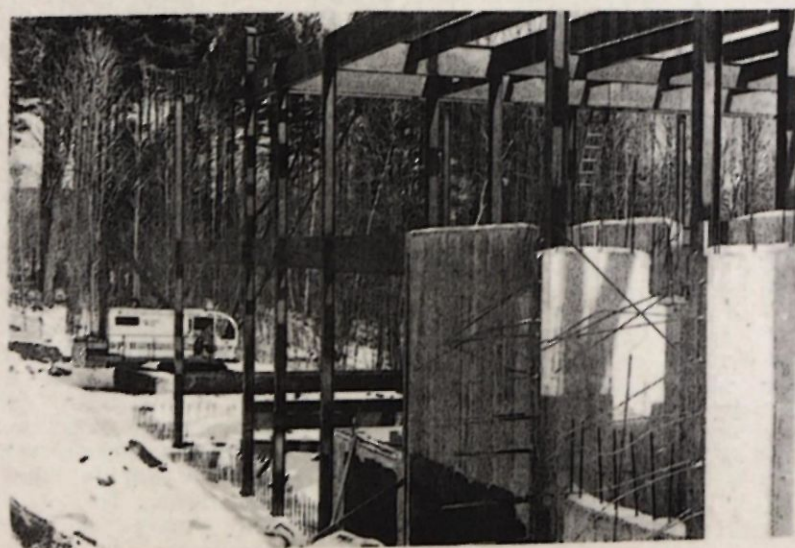
This aerial photo gives an overview of the new campus under construction. If you were to climb the hill back of the cooling tower foundation, you would come to the Mohawk Trail near the Scotch Mist. —Formfoto.



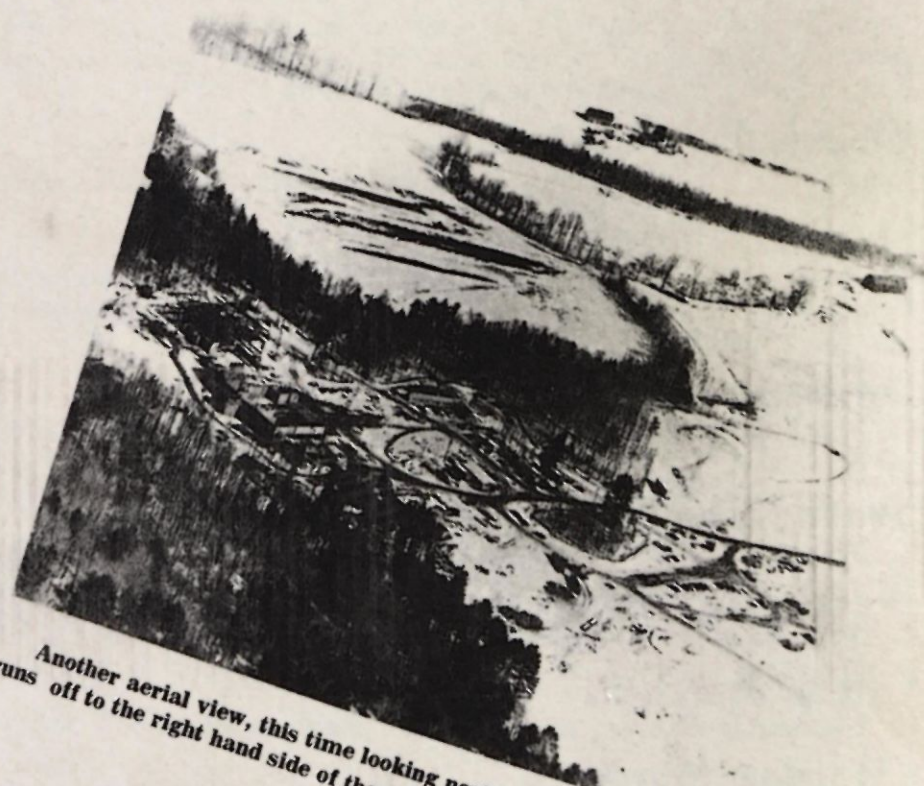
The foundation of the Core looking North. Workmen are erecting forms into which concrete will be poured. —Formfoto.



The South Academic Wing is to the left. The Core is to the right. You are looking westward. —Formfoto.



Concrete and steel begin to rise for the North Academic Area. —Formfoto.



Another aerial view, this time looking northeast. The access road runs off to the right hand side of the photo and exits on Thayer Rd. —Formfoto.